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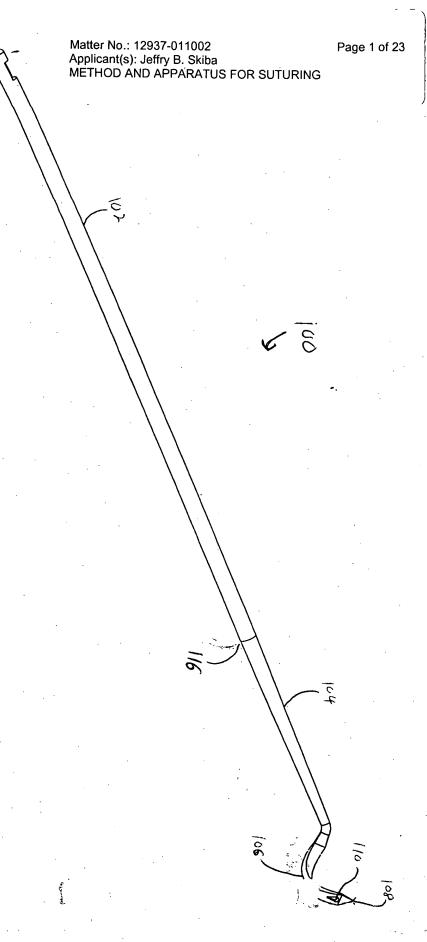
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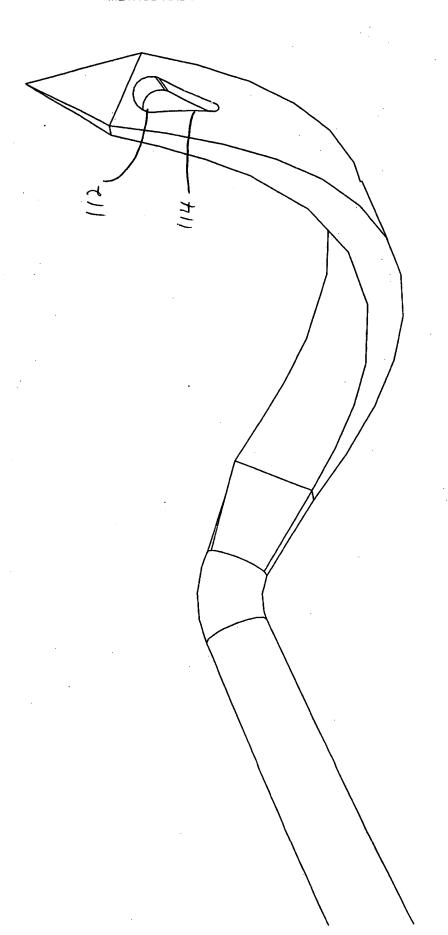
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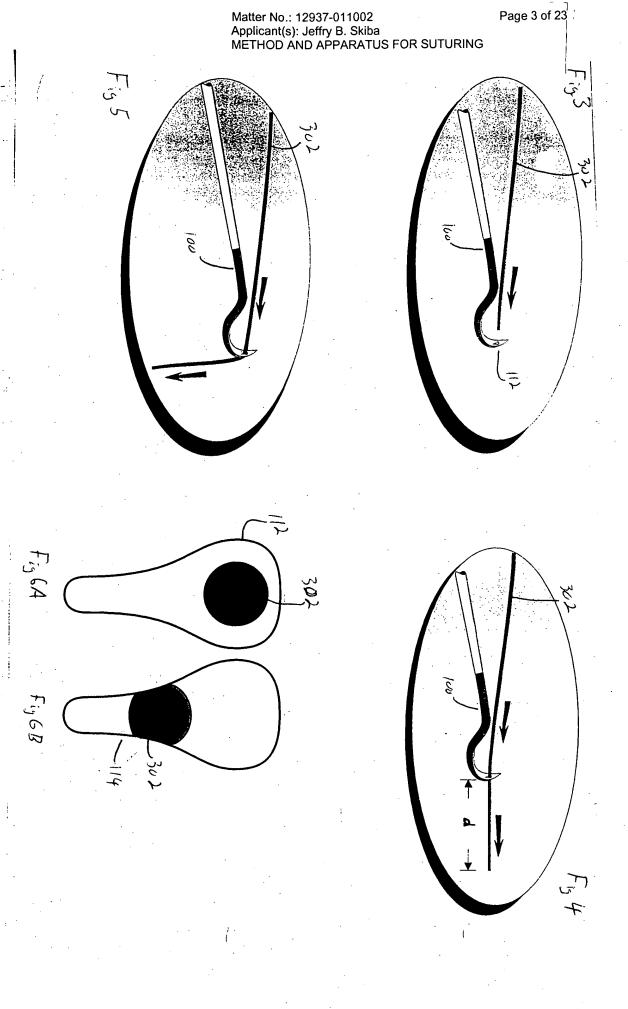
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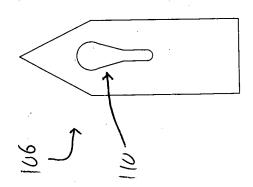






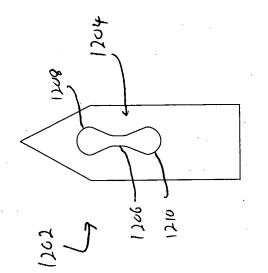


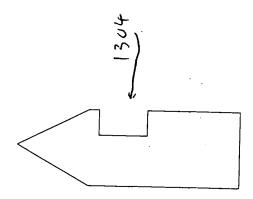
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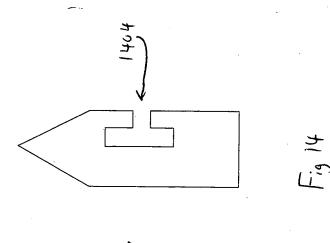


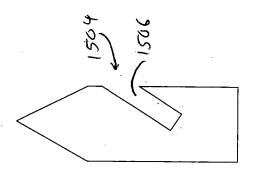


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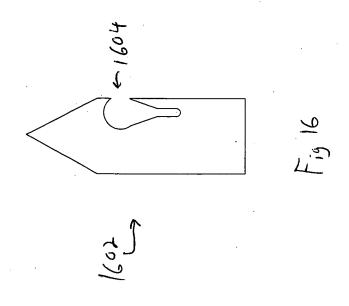


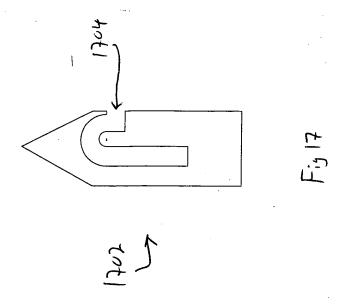


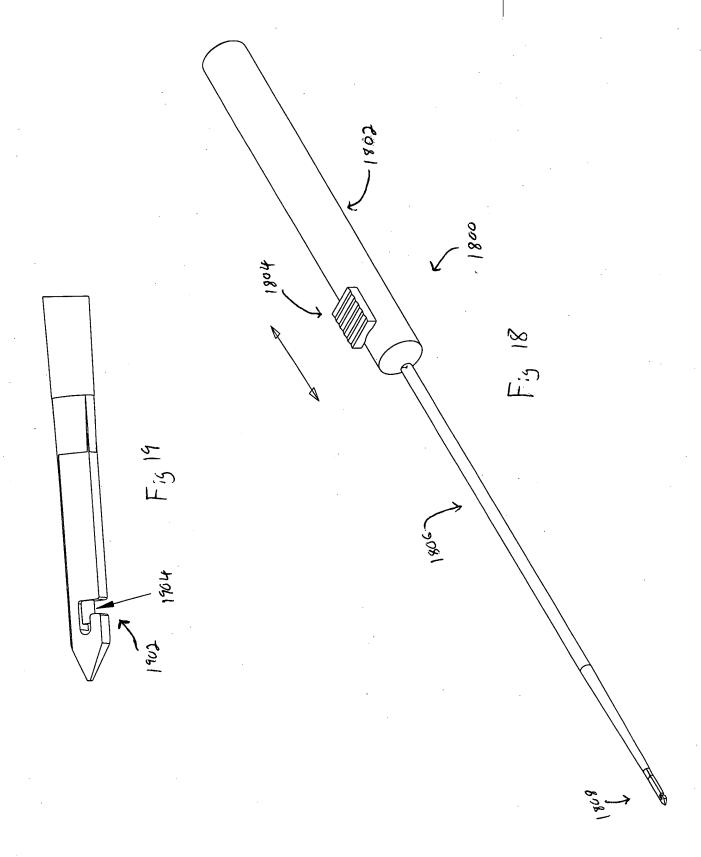


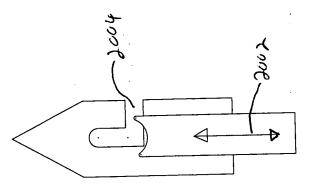


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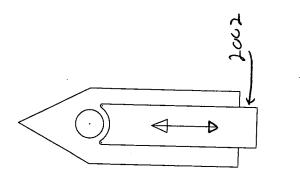




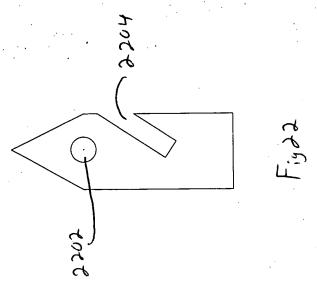


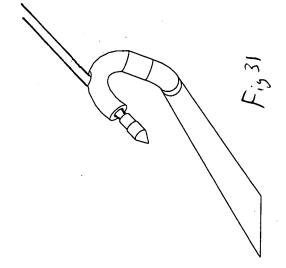
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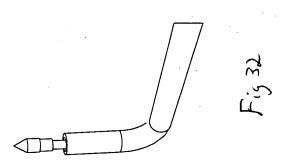
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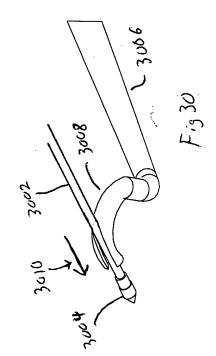


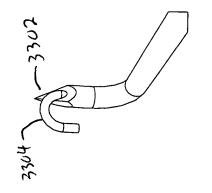
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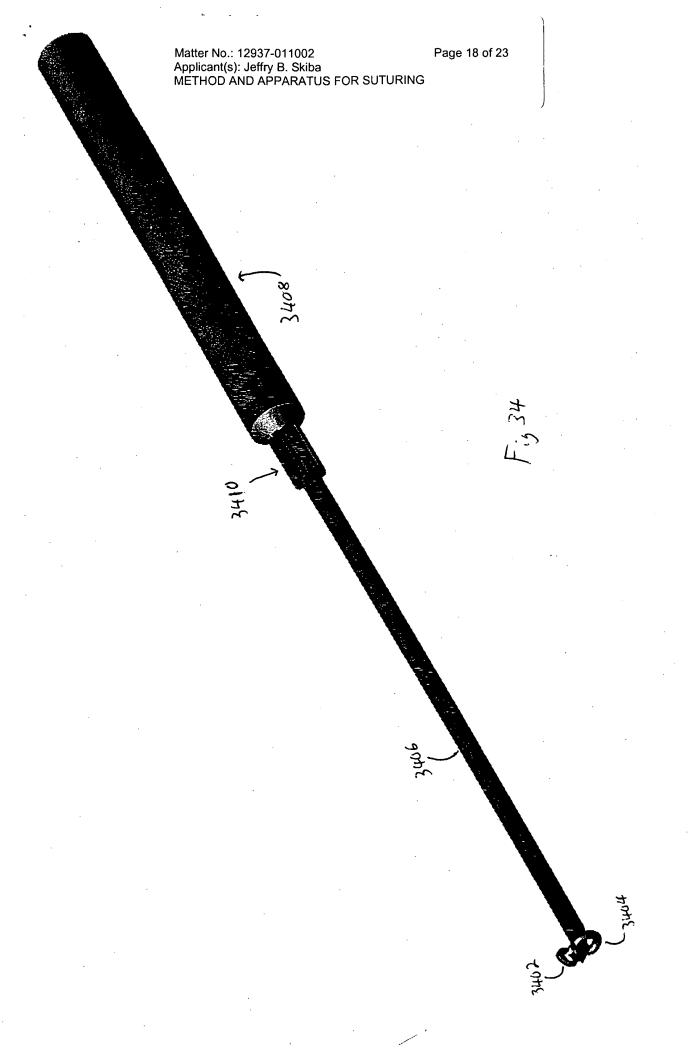


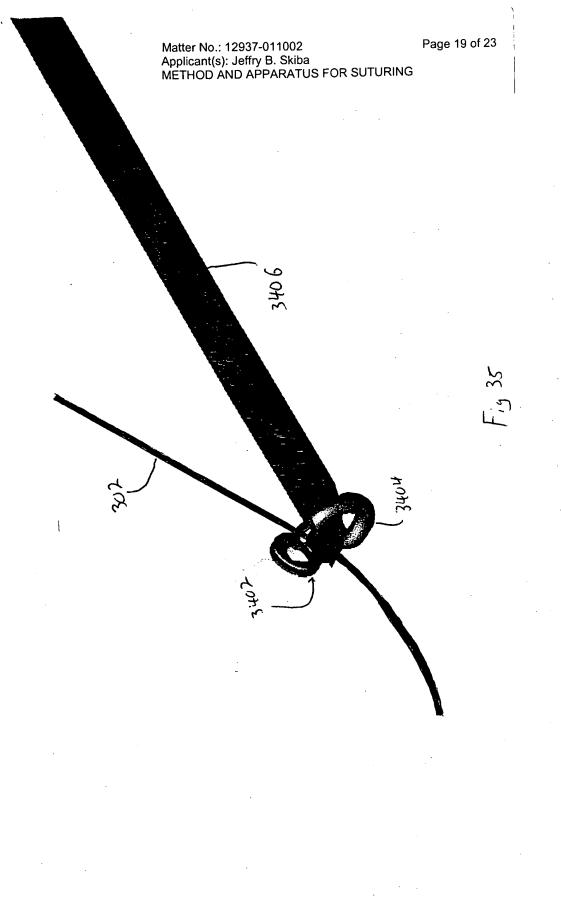


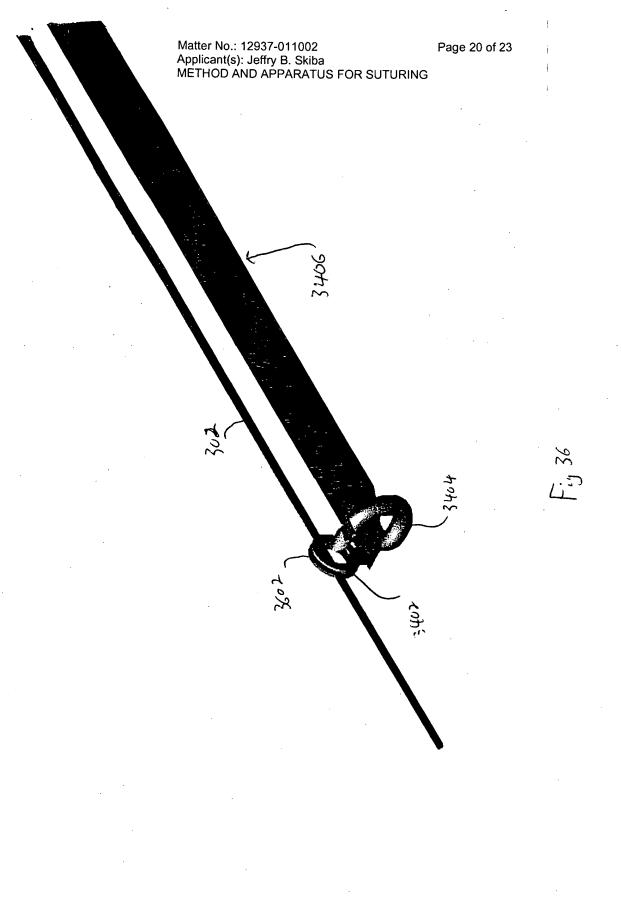












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Suture Passage and Pickup

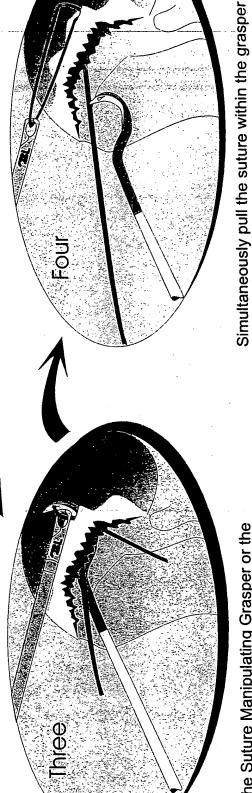
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through the tissue until the suture "Bowstrings" Rotate and push the Cuff Stitch shuttle across the concave needle curve.

Pass the loaded Cuff Stitch through the same cannula

that your lead suture is exiting.

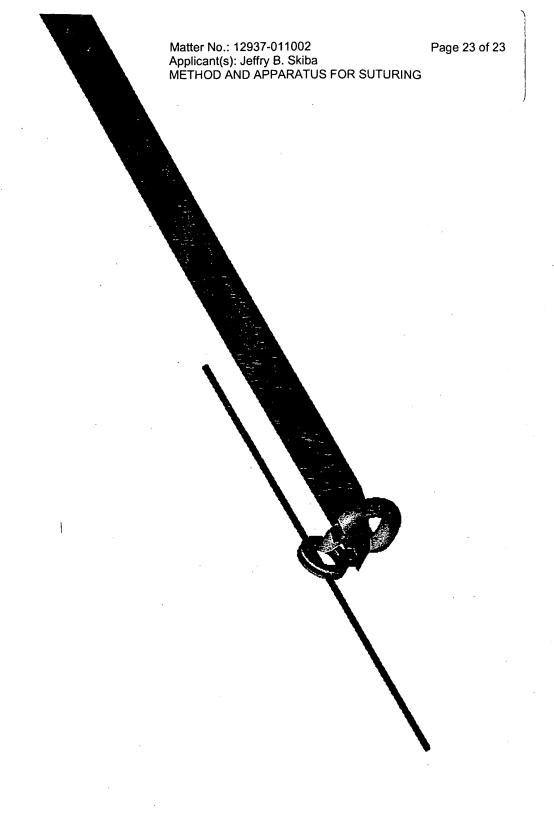


Using the Suture Manipulating Grasper or the Combination Suture / Tissue Graspers, grasp the "Bowstringed" section of suture on the concaved side of the needle.

out the cannula and remove the Cuff Stitch

shuttle from the tissue.

Stitching device with support ring and suture slot (Plate B)



Stitching device with support ring and suture slot (Plate A)